



**Joint Information Center - JIC Release No. 781
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**154th COVID-19-related Fatality Reported;
COVID-19 Hospital Census: 75; COVID-19 Test Results: 325 New Cases;
Isolation Clearance Letters Available for Pick Up; COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing
Schedule; SNAP Supplemental Emergency Allotment Issuances for September 2021;
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154th COVID-19-Related Fatality Reported

The Joint Information Center (JIC) was notified that Guam’s 154th COVID-19-related fatality was pronounced dead on arrival at the Guam Memorial Hospital on September 7, 2021. The patient was a John Doe, who tested positive upon arrival without any verifiable record of COVID-19 vaccination.

“Josh, Jeff, and I pray for his friends and family during this most difficult time,” said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. “These reports are never easy to come up against. Each loss is felt so deeply by this community. We can only hope to make a difference each day by doing everything we can to prevent any further loss.”

GBHWC Crisis Hotline

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833/4. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed, or need to talk to someone, GBHWC has experienced providers available and ready to assist the community with any heightened stress and anxiety experienced as a result of COVID-19.

75 Hospitalized for COVID-19 – 39 Unvaccinated

The Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH), Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC), and U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam report the following COVID-19 hospital census, as of 6 p.m.:

CENSUS	GMH	GRMC	USNH	TOTAL
COVID-19 Admission	43	24	8	75
ICU	3	2	0	5
Ventilator	0	0	0	0
Vaccination Status	24 UNVACCINATED 1 INELIGIBLE	15 UNVACCINATED	UNAVAILABLE	39 UNVACCINATED 1 INELIGIBLE

COVID-19 Test Results: 325 New Cases of COVID-19

Today, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) reported **three hundred twenty-five (325)** new cases of COVID-19 out of **1,647** tests performed on September 7. **One hundred forty-nine (149)** cases were identified through contact tracing. **One (1)** case reported recent travel history and was identified in quarantine. To date, there have been a total of **11,819** officially reported cases of COVID-19 with **154** deaths, **2,375** cases in active isolation, and **9,290** not in active isolation. **The CAR Score is 41.4.**

Isolation Clearance Letters Available for Pick Up at DPHSS Hagåtña Office

Isolation clearance letters will be available for pick up for those who were in isolation after testing positive for COVID-19. These clearance letters may be provided to your employer or school.

Clearance letters for those who tested positive for COVID-19 between August 9 to August 29 will be available at the DPHSS main office located at 155 Hesler Place in Hagåtña beginning Thursday, September 9 and Friday, September 10 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Clearance letters will also be available on Saturday, September 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For directions to the DPHSS main office, visit <https://goo.gl/maps/BXUTfi4Z2fqcD7UT8>. Please enter the DPHSS building through the double glass doors of the Division of Environmental Health.

Free COVID-19 Testing Schedule

COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING SCHEDULE – FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED		
Thursday, September 9 - Saturday, September 11	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Old Carnival Grounds, Tiyan, Barrigada Rapid antigen testing will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. No symptoms are needed. Bring a photo ID.

For quicker service, visit dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing to download, print, and complete a [COVID-19 Testing Patient Assessment Form](#) before arriving at the testing site. Only four (4) people per vehicle are allowed to be tested. Minors must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian and provide government-issued identification to validate age. The parent/legal guardian will also be required to sign a consent form. Testing for travel purposes will **not** be conducted at DPHSS drive-thru testing sites and must be scheduled with the Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) by calling (671) 635-7525/6.

The community is reminded to monitor for symptoms and get tested if they are identified as close contacts to confirmed positive cases or are experiencing any of the known COVID-19 symptoms, which include, but are not limited to:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

This list is not exhaustive of all possible symptoms. Other less common symptoms have been reported, including gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Individuals waiting for COVID-19 test results must quarantine at home until cleared by DPHSS. Individuals whose test results are positive and who are at high risk for serious illness will be given information on outpatient monoclonal antibody treatment for COVID-19.

COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule

COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS - Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson

Friday, Sept. 10 - Saturday, Sept. 11	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	University of Guam Field House, Mangilao Register for at tinyurl.com/vaxguam Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will expedite. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Last appointment is at 6 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 9 and Saturday Sept. 11	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Micronesia Mall, 2nd Floor, Above Center Court, Dededo Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will expedite. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Last appointment is at 6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 10	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center, Dededo Call (671) 635-4418/7400 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

Four Employees Test Positive for COVID-19

Today, the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) confirmed positive cases for COVID-19 involving **four (4)** employees. The employee cases were identified at Machananao Elementary School, George Washington High School, Okkodo High School, and Tiyan High School. In collaboration with the DPHSS, GDOE has identified and notified teachers as well as parents of students who may have been in contact with the index case in order to schedule testing. Tested individuals will remain in quarantine until they are cleared by DPHSS. Cleaning and disinfecting of areas of the campuses are taking place.

SNAP Supplemental Emergency Allotment Issuances for September 2021

The SNAP Supplemental Emergency Allotment for September 2021 will be released on September 17, 2021. The benefits will be electronically loaded into the SNAP recipients' EBT cards. For additional information, contact the numbers below:

- BES North (Dededo) at 635-7488/635-7484/635-7439/635-7396/635-7429
- BES Central (RAN-Care) at 300-8853/300-8854/300-8850/300-8865

P-EBT Updates

DPHSS will continue distributing Supplemental Assistance Program (SNAP) Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) Cards through Saturday, September 11. The P-EBT is federally funded and offered through the Food and Nutrition Services of the United States Department of Agriculture.

P-EBT Cards distribution is as follows:

P-EBT DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE		
September 8 – 10	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Bureau of Economic Security (BES) Ran-Care Commercial Building – Tamuning 2nd Floor (Located across National Office Supply) Register at tinyurl.com/pebtguam (Appointments only due to limited parking and lobby capacity)
September 11	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	

Parents who visited the troubleshooting table at the initial site at the Micronesia Mall and were informed they will be contacted about their children's cases do not need to schedule an appointment. You will be notified when you can pick up your child's card.

School-aged students are eligible for P-EBT if they:

- were eligible to receive free or reduced-price school meals under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP); or
- received such meals because their school is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) but did not receive meals at school due to COVID-related closures or virtual learning.

Requirements for P-EBT distribution are as follows:

- Registration at tinyurl.com/pebtguam
- Valid picture ID such as a Driver's License, Guam ID, military ID or Passport. Photocopies of IDs are not accepted.
- Written authorization is not acceptable.
- You must be the registered parent/guardian for your child with GDOE. If you are not the registered parent/guardian, a P-EBT card WILL NOT be issued to you. If your child is an active member in another SNAP household, then a card will be issued to the head of household in that SNAP case.
- P-EBT Cards are issued to Child Protective Services (CPS) for children identified as a ward of the court or under the care of CPS. They will be contacting families directly.
- If the parent/guardian name is not listed, a DPHSS P-EBT Student Verification of Enrollment Form will be issued at the distribution site. This form will be taken back to the child's respective school, where GDOE staff will complete and validate the form. Parents will then return the form to the troubleshooting table at the distribution site.
- Individuals, who have legal and/or temporary custody or Power of Attorney (POA), please ensure the guardianship is recorded and reflected in GDOE's PowerSchool system.

P-EBT ISSUANCE SCHEDULE FOR GDOE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS		
First Issuance	\$422.41	September 11, 2021
Second Issuance	\$310.83	September 18, 2021
Third Issuance	\$294.89	September 25, 2021
Final Issuance	\$215.19	September 30, 2021

Benefits may be available between 12 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the dates specified above. P-EBT benefits are valid for one (1) year. School-aged students are eligible for P-EBT if they:

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- received such meals because their school is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) but did not receive meals at school due to COVID-related closures or virtual learning.

For more information, please contact the P-EBT call center by calling 311 and dialing option 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Food Commodities Distribution Continues

GDOE, State Agency for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) under the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Nutrition Service distribution will be available to village constituents only on a first-come, first-served basis. Distribution is limited to three households

per vehicle at the sites. Face masks must be worn; bring a photo ID.

Date	Location	Distribution Method - While Supplies Last	# of Bags
Thursday, Sept. 9	Merizo	Door-to-Door distribution will begin at 10 a.m. for the manãmko, individuals with disabilities, and those who have been furloughed. This is for 450 Merizo constituents only, while supplies last. For more information, contact the Merizo Mayor's Office at 828-2941/8312.	450
Friday, Sept. 10	Mangilao	Drive-thru distribution will be held from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Mangilao Night Market Grounds for 600 Mangilao constituents only, while supplies last. For more information, contact the Mangilao Mayor's Office at 734-2163.	600
	Yona	Drive-thru distribution will begin at 10 a.m. at the Yona Gymnasium for 350 Yona constituents only, while supplies last. For more information, contact the Yona Mayor's Office at 789-1525/4798.	350

Date	Organization	Distribution Method - While Supplies Last	# of clients/families/ households
Thursday, Sept. 9	Adult Day Care	Food commodities will be provided in bulk to the organization who will distribute food commodities directly to their clients, families, and households.	100

Guam COVID-19 Vaccination Update

As of September 7, **187** additional residents received their first dose in a two-dose series, **34** residents received their dose in the single-dose series, and an additional **195** residents have become fully vaccinated. To date, a total of **111,412 (81.74%)** of Guam's eligible population (residents 12 years and older) is fully vaccinated. This percentage includes **9,111** fully vaccinated residents between the ages of 12 – 17, as well as Guam's fully vaccinated adult population of **102,301**.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit dphss.guam.gov or guamrecovery.com. For inquiries on COVID-19, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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GUAM COVID-19 UPDATE

JIC Release No. 781 Supplemental - *Data as of September 7, 2021*
COVID AREA RISK (CAR) SCORE: 41.4

CASE COUNT	TOTAL	REPORTED TODAY	PAST 7 DAYS		
COVID-19 CASES	11,819	325	1,079		
CONFIRMED	11,087	232	822		
PROBABLE	732	93	257		
TESTING	TOTAL	TODAY	7-DAY % POSITIVE		
DIAGNOSTIC	226,347	1,647	15.1%		
MOLECULAR	207,342	1,327	16.1%		
ANTIGEN	19,005	320	12.5%		
SEROLOGY	403	0	33.3%		
STATUS	TOTAL	ISOLATION LOCATION	TOTAL		
COVID-19 Death	154	Hospital	75		
Active Isolation	2,375	Home	2,112		
Not In Isolation	9,290	Isolation Facility	68		
Civilian	11,078	Military	120		
Military	741				
CENSUS	GMH	GRMC	USNH	TOTAL	
COVID ADMISSION	43	24	8	75	
IN ICU	3	2	0	5	
ON VENTILATOR	0	0	0	0	
Vaccine/Vaccinator	1st Doses	2nd Doses	Fully Immunized		
Pfizer-BioNTech	73,012	63,890	63,890		
Moderna	32,063	30,277	30,277		
Johnson & Johnson Janssen	-	-	6,046		
Department of Defense			10,458		
Guam National Guard			741		
TOTALS:	105,075	94,167	111,412 (12 years & older)		
Private Gov	GovGuam	Total Administered	Total Allotted	% Administered	Doses Remaining
		205,288	243,980	84.14%	38,692